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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the status of the Refund Request filed December 1, 2008, for the above-identified patent application. Applicants further request, in evaluating Applicants' Refund Request, that attention is given to the Office communication mailed March 13, 2009, from Supervisory Patent Examiner Michael Cleveland, acknowledging that Applicants' filing of November 3, 2008, was not a Petition to the Director under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181.

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